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U.S. to Halt A-Flights Over Spain

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MADRID — The United States has agreed at Spain's request to halt flights of planes carrying nuclear weapons over Spanish territory, it was announced yesterday. The ban was called because of last week's crash in Spain of a nuclear-laden B-52 bomber. Information Minister Manuel Fraga Iribarne said it would be permanent, although exceptions might be made in times of crisis. United Press International quoted an informed source who said the Polaris submarine base at Rota was not affected by the ban.

The United States has agreements with Spain going back to 1953 which provide for joint use of bases in Spain. U.S. officials have announced, however, that no nuclear-armed U.S. Air Force planes operate out of Spain. The bomber that crashed was based elsewhere.

Meanwhile, U.S. Air Force and Navy units continued the search for a nuclear bomb missing in the crash which is believed to be lying in 200 fathoms of water just off the coast. A mobile post-exchange was set up on the beach for the hundreds

of servicemen assisting in the search.

Ben Barka Protest

ALGIERS — About 4000 students marched through central Algiers and shouted "Oufkir to the gallows" and "Boumedienne assassin" in another demonstration protesting the kidnaping and presumed murder in France of Moroccan leftist leader Mehdi Ben Barka. France has alleged that Moroccan Interior Minister Mohamed Oufkir is a central figure in the case. French police have also been implicated in the scandal.

Morocco has denied the French claims. A special envoy from King Hassan II called on Algerian President Col. Houari Boumedienne to explain Morocco's position in the affair. His mission was part of a series in which Moroccan officials are stating their side of the case to foreign governments.

In Paris, Premier Georges Pompidou discussed the matter with cabinet officials, but no details were disclosed.

Castro on U.S.

CAIRO — Cuban Premier Fidel Castro said he saw no

immediate prospect of normalizing relations between Cuba and the United States, in an interview published in the authoritative Egyptian newspaper al-Ahram. He said a "lengthy study has to be undertaken" before the question of resuming relations can come up. He also declared that the recent Tri-Continental Solidarity Conference in Havana was a victory for all struggling nations, especially those in Latin America we fight a different kind of imperialism," he said, "that which operates behind the so-called national governments who actually support imperialist objectives."